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**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: DELAWARE BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

**MEETING DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.**

**PLACE:** 861 Silver Lake Boulevard  
Second Floor Conference Room A  
Dover, Delaware

MINUTES APPROVED (April 6, 2010)

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Raymond Moore, Public Member, President, Presiding  
Oluseyi Senu-Oke, M.D., Professional Member, Vice Chairperson  
Stephen Cooper, M.D., Professional Member, Secretary  
Gregory Adams, M.D., Professional Member  
John Banks, Public Member  
Vance Daniels, Public Member  
Thomas Desperito, M.D., Professional Member  
Galicano Inguito, M.D., Professional Member  
Sharon Jones, Public Member  
Nasreen Khan, D.O., Professional Member  
Sophia Kotliar, M.D., Professional Member  
Vincent Lobo, D.O., Professional Member  
Karl McIntosh, M.D., Professional Member  
Anthony Policastro, M.D., Professional Member  
Daryl Sharman, M.D., Professional Member

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Allison Reardon, Deputy Attorney General  
Gayle MacAfee, Executive Director  
Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II  
James Collins, Director  
Kay Warren, Deputy Director  
Barbara Gadbois, Deputy Attorney General

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

George Brown, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT**

Jeanne Chiquoine, American Cancer Society  
Lisa Schieffert, Delaware Healthcare Association  
Juli LaBadia, Court Reporter, Wilcox & Fetzer  
Will Kenworth, CBS-3  
Sarah Glover, Philadelphia Daily News

Regina Medina, Philadelphia Daily News  
Paula Paul, Delaware Academy of Physician Assistants

### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Adams moved, seconded by Dr. Cooper, to amend the agenda to move item 3.3 to the top of the agenda under item number 2.1. Motion unanimously carried.

### Results of Executive Session Discussion

Dr. Adams moved, seconded by Dr. Desperito, to accept the Consent Agreement regarding Matthew Philpot for Cases 10-33-09 and 10-34-09. Motion unanimously carried.

Dr. Senu-Oke moved, seconded by Dr. Inguito, to accept the Consent Agreement regarding Semaan M. Abboud, M.D. for Cases 10-99-08 and 10-89-09. Motion carried with Dr. Lobo opposed.

Dr. Senu-Oke moved, seconded by Dr. Desperito, that the board after having reviewed the results of the investigations, determined in the exercise of its discretion, that the matters not proceed further and that the following investigations be closed as noted without prosecution in the following cases. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Cases Closed

10-67-09      10-68-09      10-86-09

Dr. Senu-Oke moved, seconded by Dr. Desperito, to table Case 10-63-08. Motion unanimously carried

### Emergency Hearing for Temporary Suspension on Complaint 10-36-10 (2:30 p.m.)

At 2:37 p.m., Mr. Banks moved, seconded by Dr. McIntosh, to go into Executive Session to consider the Consent Agreement for Complaint 10-36-10. Motion unanimously carried. At 2:41 p.m., the board came out of Executive Session. Dr. Senu-Oke moved, seconded by Dr. Cooper, to accept the Consent Agreement regarding Kermit B. Gosnell, M.D. for Case 10-36-10. Motion unanimously carried. The Order was circulated for signatures.

### REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The board reviewed the February 2, 2010 Executive Session and meeting minutes for approval. Dr. Desperito moved, seconded by Dr. Senu-Oke, to approve the Executive Session and meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Review of Applications for Registration and Licensure

Physicians for Licensure – Medical and Osteopathic – Dr. Policastro moved, seconded by Mr. Banks, to approve the following medical doctors for a certificate to practice medicine, and to place Dr. Robert Pelman on the list of M.D.'s for licensure, as all applicants had met the licensure requirements as set forth by statute. Motion unanimously carried.

M.D.'s for Licensure

Victor Blankson  
Audrey Halpern  
Joseph Piatt  
Chrystel Venturini

Amelia Blissett  
Neelambari Kerkar  
Syed Raoof

Wayne Brearly  
Nirmala Nathan  
Sadia Salim

David Compton  
Robert Pelman  
Ramya Varadarajan

D.O.'s for Licensure

Robert Smick

Physician Assistant(s) for Licensure

There were no Physician Assistants for licensure.

Physician Assistants for Prescriptive Authority – Controlled and Non-Controlled

There were no Physician Assistants for Prescriptive Authority.

Respiratory Care Practitioners for Licensure

Dr. Desperito moved, seconded by Dr. Senu-Oke, to approve the following respiratory care practitioners for licensure as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

Stephen Gregson  
Elvis Turner

Elizabeth Hudson

Kevin Quinn

Lauren Shank

Paramedics

There were no Paramedics for licensure.

Acupuncture Practitioners

Dr. Lobo moved, seconded by Dr. Adams, to approve the following acupuncture practitioners for licensure as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

Marianne Fike

Qizhi Gao

Geraldine Hadaway

Stanley Tucker

Advanced Practice Nurses for Prescriptive Authority

Dr. Lobo moved, seconded by Dr. Desperito, to approve the following Advanced Practice Nurses for Prescriptive Authority as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

Practitioner Specialty Type

Collaborator

Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Lauren Beste-Jones

D. Newswanger, DE – Ideal Image

Family Nurse Practitioner

Sandra Jackson

O. Galvis, MD

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Jennette Wikel

M. Alexander, MD – A. I. duPont Hospital

Review Physician Application from Elizabeth Allen, M.D. – Stipulations were placed on New Mexico License – No patient care, only administrative work

The board reviewed the application to practice medicine from Elizabeth Allen, M.D. Dr. Adams moved, seconded by Dr. Senu-Oke, to propose to deny the application pursuant to 24 Del. C. Section 1720(b) (4). Motion unanimously carried.

Review Physician Application from Jonathan Oppenheimer, M.D. – Disciplined by Hospital - Placed on Probation

The board reviewed the application of Jonathan Oppenheimer, M.D. to determine whether he would meet the conditions to be granted a waiver pursuant to 24 Del. C. Section 1720(e). Dr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Senu-Oke, to grant a waiver. Motion unanimously carried. Dr. Oppenheimer will be set up for an interview to complete the application process.

Review Physician Application from Douglas A. Whitney, M.D. – Disciplined by Pennsylvania – Placed on Probation

The board reviewed the application of Douglas Whitney, M.D. to determine whether he would meet the conditions to be granted a waiver pursuant to 24 Del. C. Section 1720(e). Dr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Senu-Oke, to grant a waiver. Motion unanimously carried. Dr. Whitney will be set up for an interview to complete the application process.

The board observed a brief recess 3:04 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (For Discussion Only)

At this time Dr. Policastro provided the board with a brief overview of the conversation that he had with Dean Linda Ammons from Widener University Law School. Dr. Policastro advised that he spoke to Dean Ammons regarding the application and complaint process and answered her questions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Propose to Deny Hearing for Majd Arnaout, M.D. (3:00 p.m.)

At 3:21 p.m., Mr. Moore called the proposal to deny hearing to order on the application submitted by Majd Arnaout, M.D. The board introduced themselves for the record. Verbatim testimony was taken by the court reporter. Mr. Moore read the purpose of the hearing. The application packet and supporting documents were marked as Board Exhibit 1 for the record. Dr. Arnaout had two exhibits marked for the record, Applicant's Exhibit 1 and 2. Ms. Reardon verified that Dr. Arnaout waived his right to counsel. Dr. Arnaout was sworn in, presented his case, and responded to questions asked by the board members. At 4:02 p.m., the board went off the record to deliberate. At 4:07 p.m., the board went back on the record. Dr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Senu-Oke, to grant a waiver of the disqualification for licensure. Motion unanimously carried. Dr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. McIntosh, to grant Dr. Arnaout a license to practice medicine. Motion unanimously carried. The hearing concluded at 4:08 p.m.

Sign Orders from Rule to Show Cause Hearings Held on February 2, 2010 for Kenny Cooper, M.D. and Anne C. Aldridge, M.D.

The board members who attended the hearing affixed their signatures to the Orders. It was determined that both Orders would be hand delivered.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (For Discussion Only)

Dr. Lobo advised that due to an oversight, the nominating committee did not nominate a Legislative Liaison member when nominations were made at the February 2, 2010 meeting. He would like to nominate Dr. McIntosh as the Legislative Liaison for the Board. Ms. MacAfee advised that she will add this item to the agenda next month as it requires a motion by the Board.

Dr. Policastro advised the Board that he had contacted Senator Robert Marshall concerning the Board's comments on the service letter legislation that was discussed at the last meeting. Senator Marshall advised him that he will not introduce this legislation at this time but will await the completion of the investigation being conducted by Dean Ammons from Widener University Law School.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Meeting

The board will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 2:30 p.m., in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room "A" of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the board, Dr. Senu-Oke moved, seconded by Dr. Cooper, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shauna Slaughter  
Administrative Specialist II